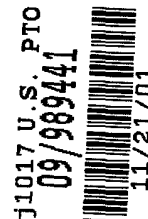


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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing documents for consideration by the Examiner during the prosecution of the subject application. The art cited therein was previously in parent Application Serial No. 09/099,301, filed June 18, 1998, and copies were previously provided. Since applicants rely on the benefit of those applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120, a copy of the art is not being resubmitted herewith (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)). It is believed no fee is required to make this a complete filing, however, if a fee is required, please charge our deposit account no. 19-0733.

Consideration of this information is respectfully requested.

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